

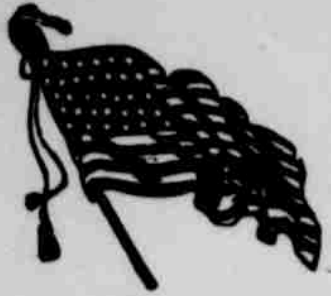
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OUR FLAG

"Liberty and Union, Now and For-
ever, One and Inseparable."

...Editorial...

HOLLOWED MEMORIES

Mother's Day means more this year than ever before. The significance of the day should make a strong appeal this year to every man woman and child in the land. About the dearest word in the English language is "Mother" and the sweetest and most precious memories that will linger in the human mind as long as there is life, are of "Mother." Mother's life is a continual sacrifice. From the very day when she becomes cognizant of the fact that her dreams are to be realized until the very end of the journey, Mother's life is a loving sacrifice and loyal devotion to duty. Today, when our country is engaged in one of the greatest wars the world has ever known, the Mothers of our country are giving freely of their time, energy and ability in every kind of war service, but greater than all this, the Mothers are bravely and heroically giving up their sons in the cause of Liberty and Justice. The Mothers of today have no greater devotion to duty, than the Mothers who have gone before; They are making no greater sacrifice than the Mothers in days gone by. It was ever thus. Where the sacrifice is greatest, and the duty hardest, there's where Mother is the strongest.

So next Sunday, then, let our thoughts turn to Mother. Let us wear a carnation for her throughout the day—a red one if she is living, and a white one if her labors on earth are ended. Let our minds wander back to childhood days, and review some of the precious memories of that dear, patient, devoted soul. Let us cherish her memory, and in the name of all that she has meant to us in the days that have gone, let us resolve to allow no opportunity to pass to do some kind deed, or drop a cheerful word for some one's Mother. Let those who wear a red carnation next Sunday, resolve that Mother's remaining days shall be radiant with the sunshine of love and happiness.

NOT HURT YET

"These Drives come pretty often, and the people can't stand this pace very long," is the substance of a remark overheard by the writer recently. Why Bless your Soul, this war, so far as the folks back home are concerned, hasn't commenced to hurt yet. True, mothers and fathers whose boys have already given their lives in the conflict, are bowed down with grief, and thousands of other mothers and fathers, we know not how many, must make the supreme sacrifice before the struggle is over. But so far as dollars and cents are concerned, and so far as the personal comfort of the folks at home are concerned, the United States does not know yet that it is in war. Not until you and I are deprived of some of the comforts and necessities of life, will it hurt. No one of us has yet gone hungry, on account of the war; No one of us has gone without clothing enough to make us comfortable, on account of the war. The time may come, and probably will, before the end of the struggle, when the sacrifice we must make will hurt; but that time is not yet here, and will not come until we are deprived of all the luxuries, many of the comforts and some of the necessities that are now ours.

No! The sentiment expressed by the speaker is not true. He is mistaken in his conclusion. The people of this United States will give and continue to give more and more

as necessity may require. They can and will stand it, to the bitter end, no matter what sacrifice it may require. The folks back home will be just as loyal and just as brave and patriotic as the brave boys who are doing their stern and heroic duty at the front. To obey orders is one of the first and most important duties to be impressed upon a soldier. Soldiers in the civilian ranks are fast learning that this item of discipline is no less important in the civilian ranks than it is in the military ranks. Soldiers worthy of the title are obeying orders.

The preliminary announcement of the County War Board's decision to concentrate the county's efforts in one general drive to include all war contributions for one year, seems to have met with popular approval. Instead of having separate campaigns for Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. C. and all kindred funds, there will be one general campaign for a county war fund. The amount of this fund has been fixed at \$75,000, which is the aggregate sum of all the various needs as carefully estimated for one year. There is no longer any need to explain the necessity of Red Cross funds, Surgical Dressing Funds, the Y. M. C. A. or any other need. Every one knows all that, and is willing to do their share. This War Fund will be apportioned among the precincts of the county as was the Liberty Loan. The drive will start on May 20th, and continue for one week. Every single person in this county must be ready to do their duty when called on. Remember that war is made up of sacrifice, and the folks back home must be ready to make any sacrifice to stand back of the boys, many of whom will sacrifice their lives, at the front. This contribution will cover a period of one year. Make it liberal and do your part to put Van Buren county "Over the Top" in the War Fund Drive.

Beware of the reports that Germany is about to submit a "Peace proposal." Don't talk it and don't think about it. To discuss a Peace proposal now, would be to do just what Germany wants us to do. There could be no peace now, except on such terms as would be satisfactory to the Kaiser. Any peace that would be satisfactory to the Kaiser, would not now or never could be satisfactory to the Allies. There can be no peace until the enemy is beaten into submission. Beware of the reports of a German peace proposal.

"Get ready for one of the best Chautauqua programs ever put on any Chautauqua platform" is the substance of a recent letter from the manager of the Midland Circuit. The war has opened up wonderful opportunities for Chautauqua programs.

Edwy C. Reid of the Allegan Gazette, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of service as a printer last Friday. As Mr. Reid expressed it, "we donned the leather apron we wore that first day in 1866, and which we have affectionately preserved, examined the proof sheets of the first type set and the first bit of job printing we ever did, and were happy in the congratulations of many friends." The True Northerner joins the friends in congratulations to Brother Reid on this remarkable record, and hopes that he may continue to wield the pen for another half century.

ASKS FIVE NEW MEMBERS
FOR LIBERTY PIG CLUB

RAYMOND C. MORRIS

Organizer of Boy's Liberty Pig Club of Van Buren and Allegan Counties. Raymond C. Morris of Keeler, promoter of the Boys' Liberty Pig Club of Van Buren and Allegan counties, wishes to form two pig clubs of five members each for last fall registered Duroc Jersey gilts that will weigh 175 pounds at delivery time in June. They will be bred to a son of Panama Special, the herd header of Prof. Mumford's herd. The Van Buren County Fair offers

a Liberty Bond of fifty dollars, the second premium of twenty-five dollars in thrift stamps by R. C. Morris and two other premiums in thrift stamps to the members of the club who make the best records, and exhibit their sows and pigs at the county fair next fall.

Hoover says "hogs are better than shells to win the war." Write for particulars now to—
Raymond C. Morris
Hartford Michigan.
(advertising)

FOR STATE SENATOR

I wish to announce to the voters of Allegan and Van Buren Counties that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senator for the eighth district.

This being an agricultural district, the man who toils, the worker, the farmer, should have representation. My family were the oldest farmers in Van Buren County, coming here ninety years ago. The farm they located on then is still in the family. I live on a farm, so know farm conditions and should be qualified to judge the legislative needs of an agricultural district.

I thank you for your support.
Raymond C. Morris
Keeler, Mich.
(Paid Political Advertising) 14t2.

What Alex J. Groesbeck, Attorney General of the State of Michigan says of the Candidacy of B. G. Davis of Antwerp Township for State Senator.

April 30th, 1918

Mr. B. G. Davis

Lawton, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Davis:—

I was very glad indeed to learn that you intend to run for the State Senate at the next election. I believe that this is a good time for all wide awake patriotic citizens to do something for the state and nation.

I also believe that the Michigan Legislature needs strong and trustworthy men to represent the State's interests. It is refreshing indeed, to have men of your stamp seek a nomination of this kind, and I know that, if you are successful, you will represent your District's and the State's very best interests. With very kind personal regards, I remain yours very truly
Alex J. Groesbeck
(Paid Political Advertising)

Lynn J. Lewis for Representative



To the electors of Van Buren County: I am a candidate for re-nomination as Representative, subject to the Republican primaries on August 27th, 1918.

The considerations that influence me in seeking this honor a third time are:

1st. Frequent urging by representative citizens about the county.

2nd. That by reason of experience in the House two terms I can be of greater use to my constituency during a third term; the same rule prevails and is applied on your Board of Supervisors; when you put a good man on the Board, you retain him, and he becomes more valuable each year.

3rd. Having served the last session as Speaker Pro Tem, I have reason to believe, if returned, that I will be elected Speaker of the 1919 House. This would be an exceptional honor to our county, as well as myself.

4th. My earnest desire to see the Federal Prohibition Amendment ratified by the next Legislature.

5th. We are at War. The 1917 Legislature played an important part in the Preparedness Program. It is not wise to change that program nor interfere with the harmony of the membership so prevalent in the last session.

6th. My record of two sessions: Member of Committees on Jurisdiction, Railroads, Elections, Village Corporations, Liquor Traffic, and State Public School—Chairman of Committees on Liquor Traffic and Village Corporations.

Introduced and put through many laws now in force and of interest to my people; among them were:

Manual (Red Book) Law—will save the State a quarter of a million dollars in the next ten years.

The Non-resident Fish License law.

The South Haven Armory Law.

The Township Ferret Option law.

Law abolishing the Food and Dairy Department, and creating the Food and Drug Department, and placing with that department the enforcement of all the new Prohibition Laws.

Law extending closed season on certain Fur-bearing animals.

Repealed two local fishing laws, one effecting Decatur and Hamilton, the other effecting Almena and eight other townships.

Joint author of the following new Laws:

All the new Prohibition Laws.

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With your help it was done

Your help made it possible for this village to double its quota, and thereby become "Honor Territory" in the Third Liberty Loan Drive.

With your aid Paw Paw has gone "Over The Top", and, more than that, you have helped the cause in a vital way:—You have made it possible for some soldier to fight your fight and his fight.

If you hold bonds of the Second Liberty Loan, this is your only chance to convert them into bonds yielding 4 1/4 per cent. You must make your application for the conversion of these bonds within the next six months.

If you hold 3 1/2 per cent bonds of the First Loan, you may wait and convert them into some subsequent loan if you prefer.

We shall be glad to effect the exchange for you, whether or not you purchased your bonds through this bank.

We will consider it a pleasure to assist you in every way.

Paw Paw Savings Bank

A smart style here for every
man of 17 to 70

TODAY the thoughtful buyer puts quality first. And today Adler Collegian Clothes offer, more than ever before, superb style, rarely fine appearance, long wear and uncommon value for their fair cost. For the man who feels he must conserve, Collegians are 100% right.

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PAW PAW, MICH.